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SUBJ: PRESIDENT PEREZ PRAISES PRESIDENT CARTER

1. IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS TODAY, MAR 11, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ PRAISED PRESIDENT CARTER AND SEVERAL ASPECTS OF US FOREIGN POLICY. REFERRING TO THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM IN THE FEB 19 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, PEREZ CALLED IT A "DISAGREEABLE INCIDENT" WHICH HAD BEEN "SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED." HE SAID THE TIMES' ARTICLE HAD ASSAULTED THE "MORALITY AND THE MAJESTY" OF VENEZUELA. PEREZ STATED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF FEB 22 WAS A "CATEGORICAL" REFUTATION OF THE ASSERTIONS IN THE TIMES' ARTICLE AND HAD EXALTED THE "GRANDEUR" OF THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENCY. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER' LETTER WAS INDICATIVE OF THE US PRESIDENT'S "NOBLE MORAL STATURE".

2. PEREZ ALSO DESCRIBED IN GLOWING TERMS
-- THE "TREMENDOUS PROGRESS" BEING MADE IN THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS;
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-- PRESIDENT CARTER'S EFFORTS TO BRING A HALT TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION; AND
-- PRESIDENT CARTER'S EMPHASIS ON THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD.
CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS, PRESIDENT PEREZ STATED, " VENEZUELA, AS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY, FEELS STRONGLY IMPELLED TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE CONTROVERSY OVER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE GREET WITH
PROFOUND SYMPATHY THE INITIATIVE OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER TO
GIVE TO THIS PROBLEM THE HIGHEST PRIORITY."

3. A FURTHER ANALYSIS OF PEREZ' SPEECH WILL BE FORTHCOMING

4. COMMENT: PEREZ SPEECH WAS IN DISTINCT CONTRAST TO
HIS ADDRESSES OF PREVIOUS YEARS IN WHICH THE US WAS USUALLY HIT
OVER THE HEAD.
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